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CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

DATE: 7/22/2021

DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Andrew Casanave
Office: District Judge, 14th Judicial District Court, ES 2, Div. G
Parish: CALCASIEU
Election Date: 11/3/2020
Level of Office: District

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 30-P
Original Due Date: 10/5/2020
Date Filed: 11/10/2020
Activity Receipts: \$1,709.77
Expenditures: \$369.69
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$1,180.08

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$2,000
Days Late: 36
Late Fee Order Received: Not received
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 1/1/3000
Waiver Request Received: 12/3/2020
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: On August 29, 2020, the eye of Hurricane Laura struck Lake Charles as a category 4 hurricane. His office was on the 16th Floor of the Capital One Building, which was decimated. All of his paper files were in the office, including records regarding campaign contributions for Mr. Casanave and his computer was completely destroyed. Due to the severity of the damage, tenants of the building, including him were not able to enter the until 9/27/2020. He was able to remove his computer equipment from the building that day. He hired a new IT professional who had to order new servers and then install them, and download his files from the cloud. This process was not completed for weeks. There was no internet access except through connecting laptops to mobile phone hotspots which was not been dependable for weeks.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: Yes
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

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December 3, 2020

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Louisiana Board of Ethics
POB 4368
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Re: Andrew Casanave, candidate for Judge, 14th Judicial District Court
Correspondence dated November 25, 2020, late fee assessment for November 3,
2020 30-P report

Dear Ms. Martin:

Reference is made to your correspondence dated November 25, 2020, imposing a fine of \$2,000 for the 30-P report that was late. I am the treasurer of Mr. Casanave's campaign.

On August 29, 2020, the eye of Hurricane Laura struck Lake Charles as a category 4 hurricane. My office was on the 16th Floor of the Capital One Building, which was decimated. Attached is a picture of my office building. All of my paper files were in the office, including records regarding campaign contributions for Mr. Casanave and computer equipment used to prepare required reports. Mr. Casanave's records were in the Public Defender's Office which was completely destroyed and has been condemned.

Due to the severity of the damage, tenants of the building, including me were not able to enter the until September 27, 2020. I was able to remove my computer equipment from the building that day. My files including computer files for the campaign were on the cloud. I hired a new IT professional who had to order new servers for my temporary office and then install them, and download my files from the cloud. This process was not completed for weeks.

Electrical power was out in my home for approximately 30 days. We evacuated for about a week, but returned and ran home power on generators while the power was out. There was no internet access except through connecting laptops to mobile phone hotspots which has not been dependable for weeks. I was not able to connect to my cloud files regarding the campaign on my laptop to file the report timely.

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Hurricane Delta then struck Lake Charles on October 9, 2020, and our family evacuated on October 8 and returned to Lake Charles on October 15. Power to the city was again knocked out for a week as well as most internet access, which hadn't fully recovered from the first hurricane.

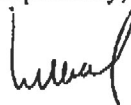
I am currently at the temporary office location noted above, until my former office building can be repaired, which is expected to take up to a year.

We eventually obtained copies of the campaign bank records from the bank and printed the 30-P form which was filled out and faxed to the Board. The form was provided, but due to the lack of internet access, it could not be filed online timely.

Given the circumstances described above, with two back to back hurricanes, and destroyed offices, limited access to internet and overall disruption in our town for 2 months, I respectfully request that consideration be given to waiving the \$2,000 fine for untimely filing of the 30P report.

My cell phone number is 337-842-3763 if you need further information or would like to discuss these issues.

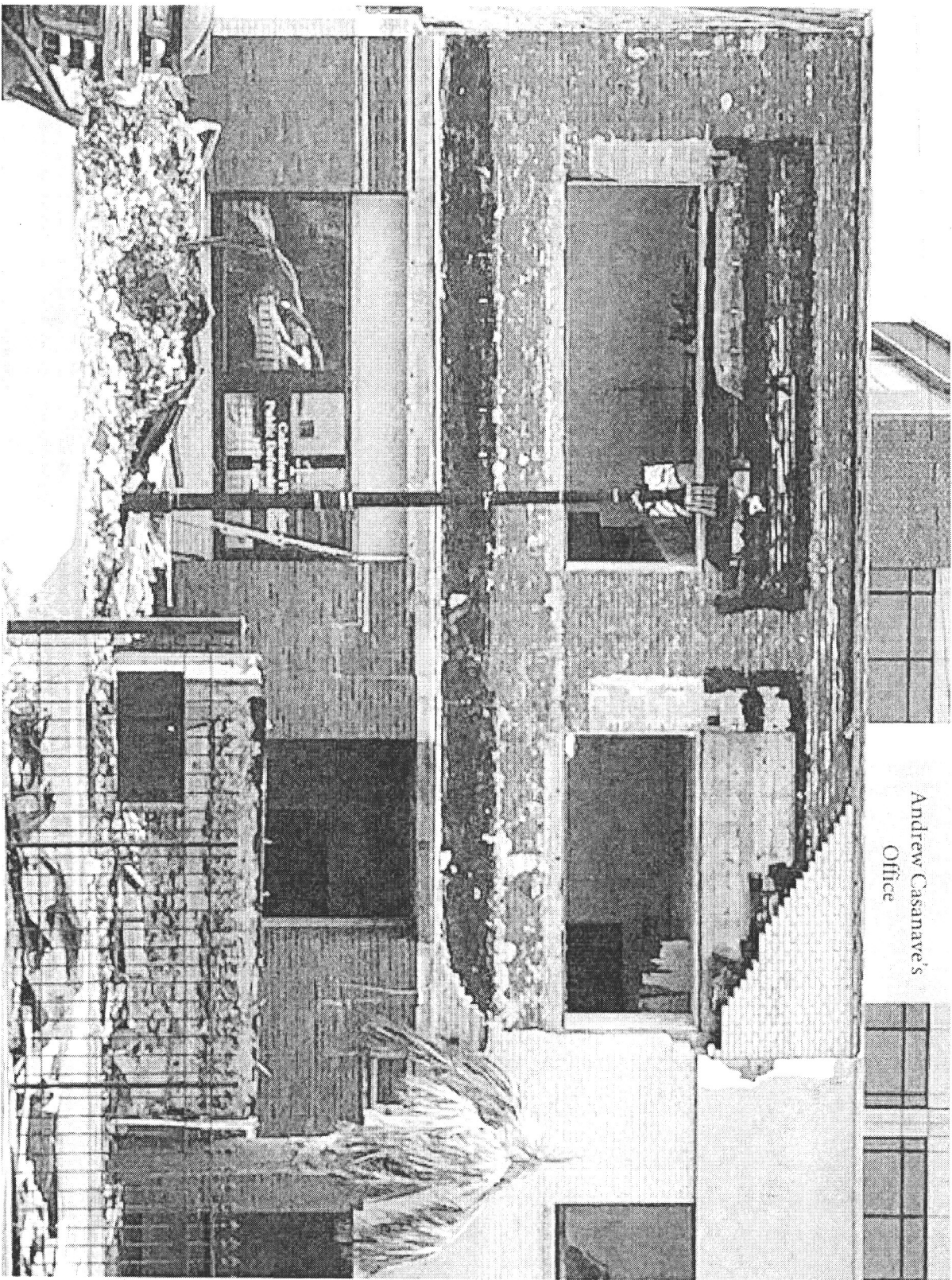
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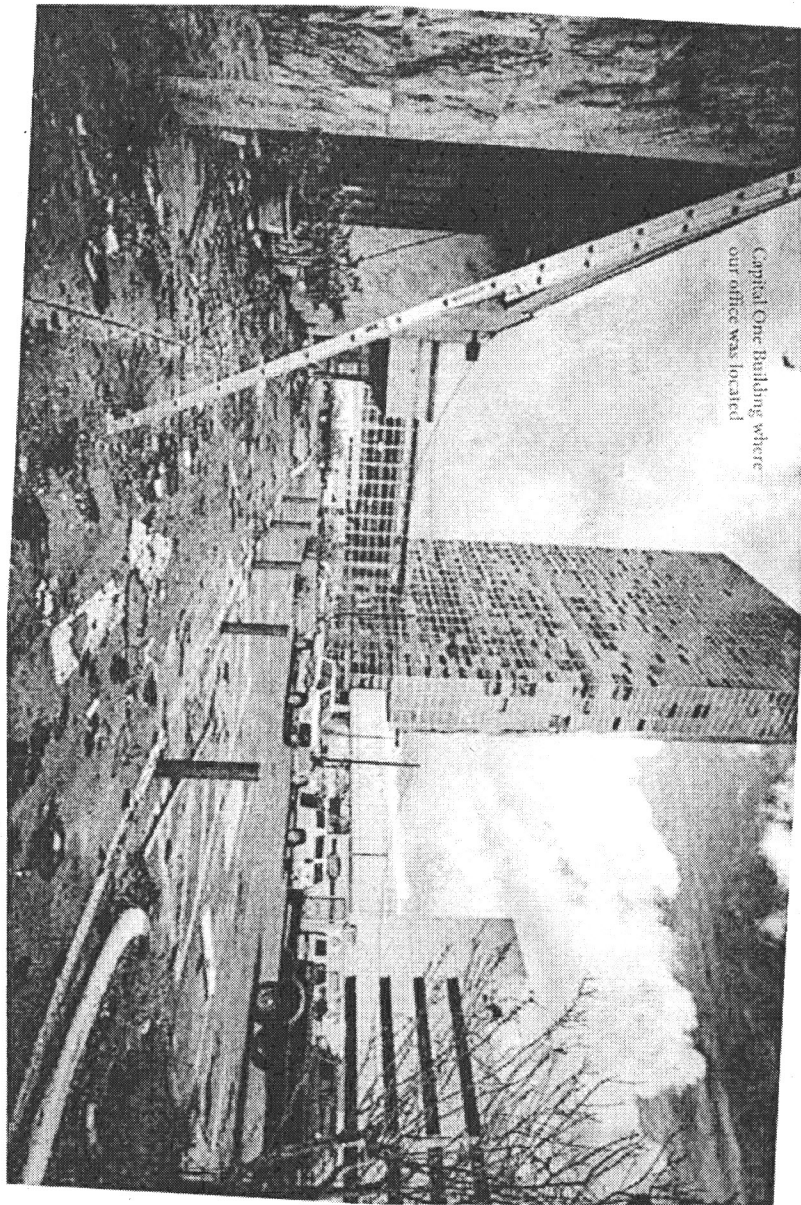


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Attachments

Andrew Casanave's
Office





Capital One Building where
our office was located



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